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THE

Repreſentation, &c.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

'TIS with the greateſt Submiſſion and Reſpect, and the higheſt Reſentment of your Favours, we Your Majeſty's Loyal Subjects, return Your Majeſty our moſt hearty Thanks,

for the Meaſures, you are pleas'd to tell us, You have concerted, that may put an End in all Probability to a War, of ſo long Continuance, and ſo Burthenſome to Your Subjects; as we do not queſtion, but every Thing will be tranſacted for the Honour of Your Majeſty, the Good and Welfare of Your People, and the Satisfaction of Your Allies.

'Tis alſo with the utmoſt Deteſtation and Abhorrence, we muſt exclaim againſt the Principles and Practices of a Set of Men among us, who, notwithſtanding their Pretences to Loyalty, are obſtinately bent againſt whatſoever Your Majeſty ſhall ſay or do; who will neither rely upon Your Royal Word, repoſe any Confidence in Your Promiſes, nor truſt Your Majeſty with Your own Prerogative, *without Advice.*

Theſe indeed, are Principles and Practices of ſo deep a Dye, ſo Infectious in their Nature, and ſo pernicious in their Conſequences, ſo detrimental to Government in general, and all the Laws and Rules of Society in particular, that it is but high Time to put an effectual Stop to their

their Increaſe, which if not ſeaſonably prevented, may be the utter Ruin of your Majeſty and Kingdoms.

Has ever any Prince ſtuck firmer to her Alliances than Your Majeſty has done, or acted more for the Welfare and Proſperity of her People, and has ever any Prince receiv'd ſuch Returns of Baſeneſs and Ingratitude? Has ever any Prince been ſo Inſulted by Foreigners and Domeſticks, by Princes and Republicks, by her own Subjects of the higheſt Rank and Quality, and Mechanicks of the meaneſt Birth and meaneſt Education, by Letters and Memorials, by Articles and Addreſſes, in Publick, in Private, even in her own Cloſet and Retirement? Has not Your Majeſty's Title been more than once deny'd, Your Prerogative diſputed before your Face, and has not the exerting of that Prerogative been declared an Arbitrary Proceeding?

What is it the Faction aim at? Whither would they run? Did they not Adviſe a War without Reaſon, carry it on by Fraud and Cozenage, and wou'd they ſtill Sacrifice the Nation for the love of Gain, and Cheat us on without Mercy? Cannot they be contented without they Vote the War to be Eternal, and make

us Miſerable without End? Have they not made themſelves Rich, by Impoveriſhing the Publick, and will their Avarice extend further? Cannot they be contented to ſit ſtill in their own Robberies? Cannot they be ſatisfied with the Wealth, the Grandeur, they poſſeſs, the gilded Chariots and the gaudy Liveries that Triumph over the Poverty of thoſe that they have Cheated? Good God! Can Poſterity believe that there was ever any Sort of People upon Earth, ſo loſt to every Thing that is Good and Honourable, to all the Duties they owe their Religion, their Sovereign, or their Native Country, who would involve them All into the moſt Unheard of Calamities, for the Aggrandizing of a *Mercenary Family*, or an *Impotent Ally*? Poſterity, we ſay, will ſcarce Believe any Thing ſo Baſe of us, or, if they do, they'll Curſe the Stain of Infamy and Reproach that they Inherit; they'll Abjure their Fathers who Begot them, and Account it an Honour to be thought Baſtards.

Were the Faction but againſt the Peace becauſe they thought it diſhonourable, becauſe they thought it diſadvantagious, they would deſerve, perhaps, to be excus'd; they

they would deſerve to be thought to blunder into the Right, and to be Honeſt only by Miſtake. But they know it is impoſſible to obtain the Terms that they inſiſt on, and for that very Reaſon they deſire 'em. They know very well what inſuperable Difficulties attend their Schemes, unleſs they have the Command of Providence at Will; they know that the Nation muſt be ruin'd by the Continuance of the War, and that Tyranny it ſelf cannot be more inſupportable than the Taxes, and yet, for all this, the War muſt be continu'd.

We appeal to the Conſcience of any one, to the common Senſe and Reaſon of Mankind, if a Peace, at this Time, can be believ'd unneceſſary, or, that which they know nothing of, diſhonourable. No, 'tis not the Peace they ſo much exclaim at, or deſpiſe, but 'tis their own Villanies and Miſmanagements they are afraid of; 'tis their Cheats and Impoſtures, their Forgeries and Crimes, of the moſt flagrant Nature, that will call for Juſtice, that will ſtir up your faithful Commons to Impeach, your Peers to condemn, and Your Majeſty to puniſh. Has ever any Nation in the World been plunder'd to that Degree by its Foreign Enemies, as Ours, by its own Natives? How many Millions have been ex-

expended to no Purpoſe, how many more miſapply'd, perverted and embezzled? What a Number of Beggars brought in upon us at a Time of Dearth and Scarcity, to the Ruin of our Liberty, and the overturning of our Conſtitution?

Theſe are Miſdemeanours, *May it pleaſe Your Majeſty*, too long, too ſcandalous, too notorious for us to mention, or Your Clemency to forgive; ſuch as Words will never be able to expreſs, or thought to comprehend; ſuch as, before this, were never heard of, and Poſterity will never parallel. It may be Mercy, perhaps, to grant an High-way-Man his Pardon; but 'tis but Juſtice to deliver a Plunderer of the Public, an univerſal Robber of his Country, to the ſevereſt Puniſhment.

We are oblig'd to, we thank our G--l for his Victories and Triumphs, for the Sieges he has undertaken, and the *Hardſhips* he has underwent, and we have paid him largely *without Perquiſites*: And muſt not that Man be call'd to Account, who has been, perhaps, once *fortunate*? Muſt he be ſcreen'd from Juſtice, for the Sake of one good Action? Muſt he, that by Chance has been ſerviceable to his Coun-

try,

try, be free from Guilt, when he ſtrives to ruin it on Purpoſe? Or ſhall the Embezzlement of Millions be bought off by a *Bl——m* or a *R——y*, by a Battle won, or an Opportunity that has been loſt, by gaining a Frontier for an Ally, and doing nothing for our ſelves? Shall a Palace, exceeding any of your Majeſty's, be Built out of the Spoils of the Commonwealth? Shall Ingratitude and Ill-Language to the Beſt of Princes, the Prolongation of a War, or the Stifling an Advantagious Peace, be paſt over, unobſerv'd? Shall ſuch Things as theſe be took no Notice off under ſo juſt a Government? Shall they not Diſgorge, ſhall they not Refund their Pillage, or ſhall they not be Accountable with their H--ds? Can any Prince or any Nation under Heaven, ſuffer tamely ſuch Indignities to be put upon them?

Pardon us, *MADAM*, if our Expreſſions are ſuitable to our Reſentment, and look upon them to proceed from the Zeal we have for our Rights, our Liberties, and our Religion. Look upon us as a People, who have Groan'd under the Burthen of exceſſive Taxes, and the Tyranny of Miſmanagement: As a People upon the very Point of being Sav'd

Sav'd, or Ruin'd; of being made Happy by a Lasting Peace, or Miserable by an Eternal War. This, this, *MADAM*, is the Sense of the whole Nation in General, and of all Parties and People that have any Honesty remaining.

Had the J——o been Modest when they were Discarded, Your Majesty might have Forgave, if not Forgot, their Crimes: But none can Forgive, none can Forget, the Steps they are now Taking. The Lords, the Commons, the Rich, the Poor, the Trader, and the Peasant, will call out for Vengeance on the Heads of those who Vote for our Destruction; who insist on such Terms as are impossible to be ever Gain'd, on the Conquering Kingdoms that are never to be overcome.

O Unfortunate *Albinia*! Hast thou not suffer'd enough already by the Ambition and the Avarice of some, or the Treachery of others? Hast thou not been enough Impos'd upon by thy Allies, and Enslav'd by thy own Subjects? Have not thy Best Friends been tax'd with

with P——y, by thoſe whoſe Doctrine and Religion are ſo near ally'd to it? By thoſe, who, had not Providence prevented their Intentions, had Conſpired very lately the Deſtruction of the *Great Redreſſer of thy Grievances*, and *the Counſeler of thy Peace*; and who has more than once eſcaped them by the ſame Providence?

'Tis with more than ordinary Concern we repreſent theſe Things to Your Majeſty, not doubting your Reſolutions to proſecute your Good Deſigns for the Common Cauſe, notwithſtanding the Remonſtrances of ſome Allies, as Your Majeſty did formerly, againſt the Attempts of others, who interpos'd themſelves in your Family Affairs. And 'tis with more than ordinary Concern, we Beſeech Your Majeſty to take eſpecial Care for the Preſervation of Your Sacred Perſon: We have a Party among us, who have openly profeſs'd Rebellion, who have Wrote, who have Printed, who have Publiſh'd, *They are yet ſtrong enough to exchange a Ball with Your Majeſty's Loyal Subjects*; and who have avow'd the Writing, the Printing, the Publication of the ſame,

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in their Actions, their Principles, and their Diſcourſe. This is a ſort of Language the Throne has been diſus'd to, ever ſince the Beginning of that Unnatural Rebellion, that concluded in the Deſtruction of both Church and State, and the Murder of your Royal G——d-f———r; and if ſuffer'd to paſs with the ſame Impunity at preſent, may conclude in the ſame Cataſtrophe. All that we have to Hope, is, from the Loyalty of our Legiſlature, who, as they have paſt a late Act for the better Security of the Church, ſo we have no Reaſon to Queſtion their Concurrence in the Suppreſſing thoſe Seminaries, thoſe Nurſeries of Schiſm that Poiſon the Principles of our Youth, and are now Supported without Law.

Theſe are the Deſires, and theſe the Grievances of Your Majeſty's Loyal Subjects; And we do not Doubt, but to ſee the Time, when all theſe Things ſhall be Redreſs'd; when we ſhall Approach Your Majeſty without Grievance, and without Complaint; when we ſhall Enjoy all the Happineſs and Content a Prince can give, or a Subject is capable of receiving. We hope, and that very quick-

quickly too, to ſee a Good, a Laſting, and an Honourable Peace: To ſee the Time, when Faction ſhall be totally Suppreſs'd, and the Church eſtabliſh'd in Reality; when Loyal Principles and Tenets ſhall Riſe upon the Downfall of Schiſm and Infidelity; when our Taxes ſhall give no more Occaſion for Embezzlement, and our Landed Intereſt ſhall Flouriſh, together with our Trade: In ſhort, when our Nation ſhall become Rich, and Your People Happy.

But if it pleaſe GOD, we cannot obtain ſuch Terms as theſe, ſuch as are requiſite for our Security, may we continue the War with Vigour and Alacrity, but with a Prudent Management of our Treaſure; may our Quota, if Your Majeſty thinks fit, be Equal, but not Superiour to our Neighbours, and our Expences proportionable to the Advantages we are likely to acquire.

But whether Peace or War be our Lot, we entirely reſign our ſelves to the Will and Pleaſure of Your Majeſty, and ſhall

ſhall always pay that Submiſſion and Obedience we are oblig'd by the Laws of God to pay to thoſe who derive their Authority from Him: And we beg Leave to Aſſure Your Majeſty, we'll Stand by You, in our Lives and Fortunes, as well againſt the unparallel'd Attempts of a Faction at Home, as Your Enemies Abroad; and may Your Majeſty's Reign be as Proſperous, as we Hope it will be Long over us.

FINIS.